

GENERAL MEDICAL 8.0

Certain Direct Service Personnel Appropriately Displaying Professional Certification Criteria -- 8.11

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POLICY

As per recent addendum to T.C.A. 63-1-109, all medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, dentists, and advanced practice nurses who deliver direct patient care, in each office where they practice must:

1. Display an original or copy of their license in a conspicuous place.
2. Place a sign
 - a. in lettering not less than one inch (1") in height, at the entrance to their office,
 - b. containing their name, followed by the abbreviation of their professional degree, and
 - c. immediately below their name, in equal size lettering, the written title of Medical Doctor, Osteopathic Physician, Dentist or Advanced Practice Nurse.
3. Wear a visible photo identification name tag during all patient encounters that includes a recent photograph, full name, and the written name of the type of license as specified in section 2.c. above.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all Local Health Department, Regional Health Office and Central Office medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, dentists, and advanced practice nurses who deliver direct patient care.

PURPOSE

To affirmatively communicate proof of licensure to patients.

PROCEDURE

All Local Health Department Directors and, if applicable, Regional Health Officers are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

[T.C.A. 63-1-109](#)

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

Community Health Services